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## Intimations.

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## Business Notices.

## Banks.

## Auctions.

## Shipping.

### HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Alcock's Corn Plaster	\$0.40
Porcupine's Pills	\$0.40
Beecham's Pills	\$0.40
Bell's Charcoal Powder	\$0.75
Benger's Liqueur Eau-de-Cologne	\$1.00
Bishop's Citrate of Caffeine	\$0.90
Briggs' Charcoal Powder	\$0.75
Brand's Essence of Chicken	\$0.90
Brown's Injection	\$1.00
Brown's Bronchial Troches	\$0.45
Bunton's Nervine	\$0.40
Brilliantine—Tracfit's	\$1.25
Burroughs, Wellcome & Co.'s Displayed Iron	\$1.00
Ditto Hazeline	\$0.80
Chlorodine—Collis Brown's	\$1.45
Chloroquine—Grogg's India	\$0.90
feveral	\$0.95
Clarke's Blood Mixture	\$0.40
Cookie's Pills	\$0.45
Gandy's Fluid	\$0.45
Oatcake Soda (per Box)	\$1.00
Perry Davis' Pain Killer	\$0.45
Lionard's Hair Dresser	\$0.45
Dr. Baby's Potions	\$1.35
Elmira Royal Emulsion	\$0.95
Era Fruit Salt	\$0.95
Clover's Cold Plaster	\$0.35
Goddard's Plate Powder	\$0.40
Guillo's Tonic Indian	\$0.75
Grimault's Cigarettes	\$0.75
Guyot's Tea Solution	\$0.75
Pills	\$0.75
Holloway's Pile	1/14 40 c., 2/9 80.00
Ointment	1/14 40 c., 2/9 80.00
Jay's Sanative Pills	\$0.45
Jay's Anti-Asthmatic Cigarettes	\$0.90
Key's Essence of Linseed	\$0.45
Couguine	\$0.45
Kreting's Insect Powder	\$0.45
King's Dandelion Pills	\$0.45
Lactopantine	\$1.50
Lalor's Phosphodynes	\$1.45
Ointment	\$0.45
Pills	\$0.45
Lamplough's Salvo	\$0.85
LaVille's Gout Drops	\$3.50
Mollin's Food for Infants	\$1.90
Morrison's Pills	\$0.45
Naldine's Dog Soap	\$0.45
Norton's Camomile Pills	\$0.45
O. S. Tooth Extract	\$0.35
Pato Pectorale De Nata d'Arabie	\$0.45
Pond's Extract	\$0.45
Powell's Balsam	\$0.45
Rigolot's Mustard Leaves	\$0.45
Dr. Cooke's Oriental Pills	\$1.90
Rowland's Macassar Oil	\$0.90
" Odonto "	\$0.20
Russian Ingangs	\$0.90
Saunder's Face Powder	\$0.60
Savarossa's Mineral Oil Capsules	\$1.50
Sauvage & Moret's Infant's Food	\$0.45
Scott's Liver Pills	\$0.45
Seigle's Spruc	\$0.45
Steedman's Powders	\$0.40
South Mineral Pastilles	\$0.45
Truscott's Brilliantine	\$1.25
Eucalyptus	\$0.85
Vaseline, in 1lb. tins	\$0.45
Warren's Essence of Rennt	\$0.45
Wilkinson's Sarsaparilla	\$1.50
Winslow's Soothing Syrup	\$0.45
Wright's Coal Tar Soap	\$0.60
Wyeth's Dialysed Iron	\$1.00
Ridge's Food for Infants	\$0.45
Robinson's Patent Barley and Groats	\$0.40
Calvert's Carbolic Soaps	
Toilet Soap (per box)	\$0.60
Medical, per Tablet	\$0.35
Household Bars	\$0.35
Pearls Scented 1/4 Oval Soap Tablets	\$0.35
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.	
Hongkong, 19th December, 1889.	2395

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd Instant to the 1st day of January, 1890, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,  
Manager.

Hongkong, December 2, 1889. 2272

### CHAMPAGNE.

VIN BRUT, ROYAL CUVEE,  
LEMOINE.

AS SUPPLIED TO  
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,  
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH,  
and to  
H.I.M. THE LATE EMPEROR FREDERICK OF GERMANY.

THE special feature of this Wine is that it is fermented juice of the grape solely, without the addition of candy syrup or colour of any kind.

A DRY CHAMPAGNE can be palatable must be made of the finest raw material.—A SWEET CHAMPAGNE can be made of almost any material. The excessive quantity of sugar in the latter make completely its original character.

NATURAL CHAMPAGNE will agree with persons to whom the Sweetened Champagne are injurious; it is a true stimulant to mind and body, rapid, volatile, transitory and harmless. This Natural Champagne is recommended as being really dry, not by means of artificial addition, but because in it the natural process of fermentation has been completed.

Agents for Hongkong,  
DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.  
22 & 24, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, December 21, 1889. 2408

ROWLANDS'  
KALYDOR.

SOAPS AND COSMETIC  
PRODUCTS  
PURCHASED AND SOLD.

Estate managed, all kinds of Agency and Commission Business relating to Land, etc., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

A SHELTON HOPPER,  
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,

Hongkong, 1st May, 1889.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY ADVANCED ON MORTGAGE,  
ON LAND OR BUILDINGS;  
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## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE SHOWING A QUANTITY OF

## FANCY GOODS

AND

## Children's Toys

SUITABLE FOR

## NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

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## NEW YEAR CARDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, December 27, 1889. 2434

Victoria Hotel,  
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 27, 1889. 2434

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE PUBLIC PRIZE-GIVING will take place on SATURDAY, January 4th, at Noon.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to preside.

Hongkong, December 30, 1889. 2450

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE EASTERN TERM will commence on MONDAY, January 6th, 1890, at 9 a.m.

C. J. BATEMAN,  
Head Master.

Hongkong, December 30, 1889. 2451

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING will be held on MONDAY, the 6th January, 1890, in the Cricket Pavilion, at 4.30 p.m., to elect a President and to make arrangements for the approaching visit of the Teams from Singapore and Shanghai.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 30, 1889. 2452

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

ARE NOW SHOWING A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF USEFUL

AND FANCY ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

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FOR THE NEW YEAR.

NEW YEAR'S CARDS—A large Selection by all the best ENGLISH, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN MAKERS.

THE IMPERIAL ENGLISH & CHINESE DIARY.

Foolscap size, 3 days on a page, interleaved with blotting paper, containing the complete Chinese Customs Tariff, and a quantity of local information in place of the useless matter inserted in most of the home diaries.—Price, One Dollar.

The Imperial English & Chinese Date Block.

Handsomely printed in Red and Black with clear Bold Figures.—60 Cents.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, December 27, 1889. 2436

W. POWELL & CO.

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NEW YEAR PRESENTS

AND

TOYS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, December 28, 1889. 2441

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

Tailors, Hatmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED OUT OUR

NEW AUTUMN GOODS,

consisting of

A LARGE AND CHOICE SELECTION OF COATINGS FOR MORNING AND EVENING DRESS.

A very Stylish Lot of TWEEDS, New in Design and Material, and a varied

Assortment of TROUSERING in all the Newest Patterns.

QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),

Hongkong, September 14, 1889. 1790

INTIMATIONS.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents with Approval of the Consulting Committee will on the 1st January, 1890,

ISSUED INTEREST WARRANTS OF \$5

FOR THE NEW CERTIFICATES OF \$5

TO BE ISSUED ON THE 1ST JANUARY, 1890.

THE HUNDRED SHARES, HAVE BEEN LOST, and should the same not be produced before the Thirty-first day of December next, NEW CERTIFICATES OF \$5

WILL BE ISSUED INSTEAD OF THE SAME.

THE HUNDRED SHARES, HAVE BEEN LOST, and should the same not be produced before the Thirty-first day of December next, NEW CERTIFICATES OF

## To-day's Advertisements.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME.

ALI BABA,  
AND THE  
FORTY THIEVES.DATES OF PERFORMANCES,  
EVENING,  
6th and 9th January, 1890.  
AFTERNOON,  
4th January, 1890.Evening Performances to commence at  
9 p.m., Afternoon, at 5.15 p.m.PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Reserved Seats.....\$2.  
Unreserved Seats.....\$1.  
Children Half-price to Afternoon Performances.

After 10 p.m. each Evening Admission \$1.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. LANE,  
Crawford & Co.'s, or at the Doors.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2292

THE CHINESE AMUSEMENTS  
SYNDICATE, LIMITED.IT is hereby notified, for the information  
of the Public, that the SYNDICATE'S  
GROUNDS at Bowrington are Tempor-  
arily CLOSED.By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. A. BARRETT,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2462

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

FAIR CUP.

SEVEN SHOTS at 200 Yards. Position  
S—Standing. SEVEN Shots at 300  
Yards. Position—Sitting or kneeling. To  
be won 3 times before becoming any Mem-  
ber's absolute property. Winnings to be  
penalized 5 points after winning it once,  
and 7 points after winning it twice.The SIXTH COMPETITION will take place  
NEXT SATURDAY, the 4th January, 1890, at  
3 p.m. Intending Competitors  
must send me 50 Cents Entrance Fee,  
not later than 5 p.m. next Friday, the 3rd  
day of January.A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2470

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.A Final DIVIDEND for the year 1888,  
A being a return to SHAREHOLDERS  
of 3% on the Net Contributory Premium, is  
now declared.WARANTS will be Payable at the HONG-  
KONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION  
on and after WEDNESDAY, the 8th Frox.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

W. H. PERCIVAL,  
Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, December 26, 1889. 2463

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

REQUIRED for the POST of INTER-  
PRETER in the Police Courts at  
SINGAPORE, an Interpreter having a good  
knowledge of English of the CHINESE  
written character and of two or more of  
the following dialects of Chinese—FOKien, Tschuhi, Cantonese, Hanka  
and Hainan.

Salary \$900 per annum.

The selected Candidate will be required  
to pass a Medical examination as to his  
physical fitness for service.Examination of Candidates for the above  
will be held in the GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
Hongkong, on THURSDAY the 9th  
Proximo, at 2.30 p.m. Candidates should  
send to the SECRETARY, Board of Ex-  
aminers, Government Offices, before Mon-  
day the 6th, at Noon, their Applications  
enclosing Testimonials and stating what  
dialects they wish to be examined in.F. H. MAY,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Board of Examiners.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2469

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and to take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No fire insurance has been effected

From Singapore or Congo.

E.A. 37 Casks TILES, transhipment cargo  
from Barcelona ex str. Y de Loyola.G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2465

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND  
HAMBURG.(Taking Cargo at through rates to  
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-  
DAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL  
and BREMEN.)The Steamship  
*Alphonse*,Captain L. VOLZEN, will be  
despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 9th  
January, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEGMESSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2467

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW  
CHENGWANG, TIENHSIN, HANKOW  
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)The Co. Steamship  
*Alphonse*,Captain BARTLETT, will be  
despatched as above on  
THURSDAY, the 9th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2471

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SAIGON.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Hainan*,Captain HARRIS, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at

3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2472

STEAM TO MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Steamship  
*Sir Ningpo*,Captain MONCOUR, will be  
despatched as above on  
THURSDAY, the 2nd January, 1890, at 3  
p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2466

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship  
*Ningpo*,Capt. R. KÖHLER, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, 1890, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEGMESSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2461

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE  
ITALIANA  
(FLORIO & RUBATTUO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Borniza*,Dr. NEGER, Master, will be  
despatched as above on  
MONDAY, the 6th January, 1890, at  
Noon.At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging  
in VICTORIA DOCK.For further Particulars regarding Freight  
and Passage, apply toCARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2459

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND  
PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.The Co.'s Steamship  
*Titan*,Capt. J. ALBRIGHT, Commander,  
will be despatched as above on  
MONDAY, the 20th January, at 4 p.m.The attention of Passengers is directed by  
this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins  
are situated forward of the Engine.  
Second class Passengers are accommodated  
in the supply of Fresh Provisions during the  
entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is  
carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2464

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG  
AND ANTWERP.The Steamship  
*Deutschland*,Captain YUAN, will be  
despatched on or about  
the 20th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2460

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Crewers will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
stay in Hongkong Harbour.B. CHINER, American ship, Capt. E.  
Humphreys.—Order.GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, Captain  
James F. Rowell.—Meichers & Co.LESLIE BAKER, American barque, Capt.  
Jas. W. CARTY.—Master.NELLY M. SLADE, American barquentine,  
Capt. Julius C. Teixeira.—Captain.SAM MINDEL, British barque, Capt. D.  
Gower.—Captain.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2460

CLEARED.

ARRIVED.

Per Ganges, from Shanghaï; for Hong-  
kong, Mr. J. R. Scott and servant, Mr.  
Yuen Shing Tack, and 9 Chinese; for Lon-  
don, Messrs. McDonald and W. H. Lowlynn.

Per Durban, from Nagasaki 7 Chinese.

Per Don Juan, from Manila; Mr. Donoso  
de Souza, and 13 Chinese.

Per Chouey, from Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per Sin Ningpo, from Manila, 146 Chi-  
nese.The usual hours will be observed in  
closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Yonghe* will  
be despatched on WEDNESDAY,the 8th January, with Mails for  
the United Kingdom, Europe, and places be-  
yond, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon,  
Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden,  
Natal, and the Cape, Egypt.The usual hours will be observed in  
closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Rio de  
Janeiro* will be despatched on THU-  
RSAY, the 9th Jan. 1890, with Mails for  
Japan, San Francisco, the United States,  
Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which  
will be closed as follows:

10.15 A.M.—Registry ceases.

12.30 P.M.—Post-Office closes, but Cor-  
respondence may be posted on board the  
Packet, with Late Fee of 10 cents extra  
Postage, until the time of departure.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.

When the Packets leave at noon.

The following hours will be observed in  
closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the  
English and French Packets, when they  
leave at noon. The Money Order Office  
will be closed at 5 p.m. the day before.8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and  
Circulars ceases.(Prices Current and Circulars may be posted up to  
10 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country  
by country, with the addresses all  
the way.)

10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.

10.30 A.M.—Posting of Newspapers,  
Books, and Patents ceases.

11.00 A.M.—Mail closes.

LAST LETTERS may be posted (from  
11.10 A.M. to 10 o'clock late up to  
11.30 A.M.) after which hour they may  
be sent on board with the same late  
Fee.LETTERS, PARCELS, &c., for Kowloon  
Point and stations in Harbour may be  
posted in the General Post Office up to  
11.30 A.M. and 3.30 P.M.Letters from Kowloon, Post Box, which has been  
placed in the Police Station Compound, up  
to 12 and 4 o'clock.

Local rates will be charged.

To avoid robbery, senders of letters from  
Kowloon are requested to cancel their  
stamps or write the word stamped across  
them.Covers containing Bank Notes, Jewellers  
&c., should be registered.

There will be no Sunday delivery.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

For BANGKOK.—Per Phra Chula Chom Kao, at 1:30 p.m.  
on Thursday, the 2nd Jan. 1890.For AMOY & MANILA.—Per AMOY, at 3:30 p.m.; Thurs-  
day, the 2nd Jan. 1890.For NAGOYA, KOBE & YOKOGAWA.—Per Anjo, at 5 p.m., on Thurs-  
day, the 2nd January, 1890.For PEAK DELIVERY. Letters &c. will  
be delivered by the 12 and 4 o'clock Posts  
only. Correspondence for the Post  
Office will be posted in the General Post Office up  
to 11.30 a.m. or 3.30 p.m., or in the After-  
noon in the Carrillot till time of departs.Parcels for the Post Office may be sent  
in the General Post Office up to  
11.30 a.m. or 3.30 p.m., Local Post will  
be charged. No Sunday delivery. Covers  
are requested to cancel their stamp by  
writing the word stamped across them.Covers containing Bank Notes, &c.,  
should be registered.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

is dealing. The impoverishment due to floods and drought is also a great cause in the lessened demand for tea, and some other foreign produce. There has been little improvement in the Tea Trade, which is failing more and more the competition of India and Ceylon. There are signs, however, that the tea guilds and the authorities are becoming alive to the importance of improved cultivation. The Government of Formosa is establishing farms under European direction for the cultivation of the leaf according to the most approved scientific methods. It is also proposed that before long the Government will learn that it is pursuing a very uncommercial policy in maintaining the teak exportation. This commodity has been granted a favorable concession. She has been in China to foreignmen. The Northern Telegraph duced by the Eastern Extension Company Co., and a convention by which the telegraph rates to Europe will probably be diminished at the present high figure.

There have been no appalling disasters during 1889. Floods have occurred, but they are to be looked for yearly. The most disastrous inundation was the flooding of half the country between Chin-an-fu and the sea, owing to the bursting of a part of the bank of the Yellow River. The much-venerated structure, the Temple of Heaven, was almost destroyed by fire a few months ago. The fire was said to have been caused by lightning, but, in the case of the destruction of a part of the Emperor's residence, there are pretty strong suspicions that man, not above adopting this means of shoving Heaven's displeasure at the departure from the consecrated traditions of the past.

## KOREA AND JAPAN.

With regard to China's small neighbourland semi-dependency, Korea, there is little to say. It is in a very straitened financial circumstances. Most of the foreign officials employed have been dismissed, as the Government is unable to pay their salaries. There has been the usual crop of rumours about Korean intrigues in which there was not much foundation. This 'Bulgaria of the Far East' may, however, at any moment become a source of international trouble. Japan, on the other hand, has been making rapid strides in civilization. Railways are spreading in all directions, and the commerce of the country is yearly improving. 1889 will be memorable in her history as the year when the now constitutional government was formed by the Emperor and his Government must by the people for the benefit of the country.

Following on the adoption of this new constitution, the Japanese Government entered into negotiations with the Western Powers for a revision of treaties, with a view to the abolition of extraterritoriality and the policing of Japan on the level of the civilised nations of the world. New treaties on this basis were arranged with the United States and Germany and negotiations were rapidly progressing with the others, when there arose a strong opposition in Japan itself to the revision. The new treaties involved the opening of the whole country to foreigners, and the conservative party are strongly opposed to this. The opposition was so strong that the Government resigned and a new Government has just been formed. Probably the question will remain in suspense for a year or two.

## HONGKONG.

We come now, last but not least, to our capital, Hongkong. Hongkong had rather a checkered history during the first three or four months there was a great financial boom. New companies were being formed almost every week; most of them being for enterprises outside the colony, such as the development of mines in Tonkin, the cultivation of tobacco in Borneo, and the pursuit of gold and tin buried in the Malay Peninsula. There were also many strictly local companies formed, such as the Electric Light Company, the Hongkong Land Investment Company, for which alone 24 million dollars were subscribed, the Marine Company &c. &c. Many of these ventures, local and outside, will doubtless prove remunerative, but the 'boom' was overdone; and during the latter half of the year there has been a pretty severe reaction and loud complaints of the want of money. The ordinary trade of the Colony, even during the boom, was not very brisk, and the reaction by no means improved matters. However, we are assured that the tide has again turned and confidence is being gradually restored. A new company, financed from London called the Trust and Loan Company, is come forward to lessen the financial strain, and as there are, with careful management, immense possibilities of development in Hongkong, we may hope that the evil days are ended.

## FORGOTTEN AMONG THE BELIEVERS IN THE PROSPERITY OF THE COLONY.

The Spanish Cabinet. His Excellency the Governor, who has just forwarded to the Colonial Office a glowing description of the progress of Hongkong and the possibilities of its development in the future. The budget for the coming year shows a balance of revenue over expenditure of more than a million dollars, three fourths of which it is proposed to expend in much-needed public works such as water pipes and drainage. The balance will partly be swallowed up by an increased contribution for defence purposes demanded by the Imperial Government. The Colony gives this increase very grudgingly as it has scarcely equalled a large expenditure for fortification by the Imperial authorities, although they solemnly promised to do so, have not supplied guns. Our good balance also is only explained by the laying of taxes, which, considering the abundance of high rents charged in the Colony, press very heavily on our resources and impede our growth. The increase in the military contribution, the urgency of several of the public works, and a probable general rise of about 20 per cent. in the salaries of officials, have prevented the Government from reducing the taxation.

During the year a considerable number of new or amended ordinances have been added to our statute book. Chief among these are the Building Ordinance, which it is hoped will improve the sanitary condition of dwelling houses and ensure their comparative safety from fire. An ordinance authorising the reclamation of the Fossa according to the scheme initiated by Mr. Chater has also been passed. That measure contains several objectionable clauses, dealing harshly with the rights of non-consenting lot-owner and of sections holders. If, however, a liberal spirit prevails in its application, no serious injury to private rights may accrue. Ordinances have also been passed for the better protection of women and girls, for the reduction of fugitive criminals and for the redemption of crown lands for agricultural purposes, and we are promised laws in the near future to amend our bankruptcy procedure, which is too lax for Chinese debtors. The check emigration, and to extend the powers of the Boundary Board.

But perhaps the great outstanding event of 1889 was the great typhoon which

broke over the Colony in the month of May. In 93 hours there fell 30 inches of water. The Typhoon conduit was broken in several places and roads and streets all over the Colony were cut up. The damage to public property alone is estimated at \$112,000, while the Peak Tramway Company and many private residents suffered considerably. During the first months of the summer season the condition of the Peak water, which was more like diluted mud than water, caused much anxiety. Filter beds, however, will likely be ready before next season, and measures have been taken to prevent the recurrence of the pollution. The tanks of Peak water are shared by a few, owing to the arrival of water-mains ordered from England. A concession has been made to Mr. Chadwick has been sent here by the Home Government to arrange a scheme of distribution, and also to settle our claims of difficulty, so we may hope for a reduction of water and a diminution of outbreaks in the manufacture. The question of water-supply and drainage of the Peak has been agitating the residents in the district. They complain that the new line laid down is evil-smelling and dangerous to health. As a remedy cannot be provided until a supply of water is obtained, a scheme was proposed for a reservoir near Mountain Lake, but the Government rather in favour of pumping water with the help of the engines of the Electric Company.

These are unimportant subjects that occupied our attention, the old vexed question of the exceptional privileges of foreign mail steamers. These by the energetic action of the Governor and the Chamber of Commerce, will shortly cease. The question of Sunday labour in the Harbour has also been engaging attention, but the Governor is opposed to all legislative restriction in this matter, the movement having made no progress. The Sanitary Board has been working hard and has done some fairly satisfactory work, but its action is much impeded by its imperfect constitution, and much of its energy was consumed in fighting the Surveyor General's Department. It has, however, found a temporary solution for the difficult problem of how best to dispose of the City refuse. The refuse is to be taken out to sea and deposited a mile beyond the colonial waters.

The Colony has, during 1889 been remarkably free from epidemic disease, and there have been less fires than for some years back. The Volunteer Fire Brigade was disbanded, and the Government Brigade was reorganized, and put into what appears to be a very efficient condition. The Colony has, however, been active in its sports, but has not been very successful in its competitions with the neighbouring ports. We were beaten by the Shanghai in the inter-port cricket match, and in a rishmatch between Singapore, Shanghai and Hongkong, our team had the lowest total. The Colony has to deplore the loss by death of a faithful servant, Dr. Frederick Stewart, Colonial Secretary, whose experience of the Colony, ability and above all, upright character made him a most valuable member of the Government. His office has been filled by Mr. F. Fleming. Among the changes in the higher offices of the public service have been—the transferance of Mr. O'Malley to Singapore and the appointment in his place of Mr. W. H. Goodman; the departure of General Cameron, whose place was taken by General Bevan Edwards; and the departure of Mr. J. M. Price, Surveyor General, to whose place Mr. Samuel Brown was appointed.

There have been comparatively few shipping disasters in this quarter of the world, or in connection with Far East trade. Among the losses were the Glengyle, sunk by collision, the Ando, a steamer of 1,000 tons, lost near the Philippines; the Baron Blantyre, wrecked near Singapore; the Hatley E. Tapley, lost about 20 miles from Hongkong; the Nyl Ghaz, wrecked on the Pratas Shoal, near Hongkong, with a loss of 7 men; and the Andayi sunk by the Ozus in Aden harbour.

Such is a short history of the chief events of the year 1889, and we close it by wishing our readers

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.]

(Via Southern Line.)

## EMIN PACHA.

LONDON, 29th Dec.

Emin Pacha has had a relapse. Copious bleeding has taken place from the ears causing much anxiety to the doctors.

(From El Comercio.)

MADRID, Dec. 23, 1889.

THE SPANISH CABINET. The Chambers are closed for the festive season until the 10th January 1890.

It is believed to be almost certain that during this interval, the Cabinet provided by Sr. Sagasta will present their resignation.

## A THEATRE BURNED.

A big conflagration has destroyed the German theatre at Pesth, but no lives were lost.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUIT CASE.

OUTWARD BOATS.—Glennmore, Nov. 22;

Cambodia, 26; Diomed, Frigga, Glen-

lynn, Dec. 3; Humber, 6; Falstaff,

Bengal, Breconshire, Gloucester, 10;

Shanghai, 13; Belvoir, Esperia,

Hector, 17; Shakespeare, 20.

HOMeward Bound.—Glengyle, Nov. 29;

Anton, Dec. 3; Bellona, 6; Sarpedon,

10; Brindisi, 13; Melbourne, Sachem,

20.

The P. M. Co.'s, a. City of Rio de Janeiro, with the AMERICAN MAIL of December 3rd, left Yokohama on Friday, the 27th inst., at daylight, and may be expected home about Thursday, 2nd Jan.

The M. M. steamship Colletonia, with the French mail of Nov. 30, left Saigon on the morning of the 30th inst., and may be expected home about Saturday, 2nd Jan.

The Canadian Pacific Co.'s, a. Alberta, left Vancouver for Japan and Hongkong on 14th inst.

The China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamship Gauja, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 26th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 1st Jan.

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The s.s. Wingfield, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 20th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 4th January.

The Austro-Hung. S. N. Co.'s a. M. pomene, left Singapore for this port on the 30th December, and is expected here on or about the 6th January.

The U. S. S. steamer Diomed, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 31st inst., and may be expected here on or about the 7th Jan.

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Messrs Siemsen and Co. have sent us the combined calendar and date-block of the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Company of Hamburg.

MIDNIGHT service, appropriate to the New Year, will be held in the Chapel of St. Paul's College, to-night, commencing at 11 o'clock.

The English Mercury says that the Kuling, the poor steamer of the Upper Yangtze, has been sold to the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs for about Tls. 55,000.

The alarm bell in the Clock Tower rang out shortly after six o'clock this evening and indicated a fire in the Central District. The Fire Brigade promptly turned out, but found that the cause of the alarm was the entry of some soot in the chimney of a barber's shop in Chinese Street, and the services were not required.

THE XMAS Pantomime of 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves' as performed by the Amateur Dramatic Club again last night before a large and enthusiastic audience. Indeed, the Pantomime shows every appearance of enjoying most successful run. The more one sees of this effort by our local A. D. C., the more surprise is evoked that a success complete could have been achieved by a company of amateurs, eight or ten thousand miles from the centre of scenic and theatrical supplies. The members of the Company have become more accustomed to their work than they were on the first night, and the whole piece went even more smoothly than before. Morgiana was in much better voice, and as her slight nervousness had passed off, she was even more sprightly and attractive than on the opening night. Cassa Baba, though still just a little semi-detached, was more at home than before. All the characters were in their usual costumes.

We have seldom seen Mrs. Cassa Baba, though she was Cogia, very much Cogia, and Cogia all over—very graceful creature, who knows what she is about, and does it very well. Ganesha is always good, and his part of love-making and serendipity suited him well—his duet with Morgiana and his serenade being among the best musical morsels in the play. The Donkey, who must have had a warm time of it, was exceedingly funny; and Ally Sloper, who is a genius born to make fun for his fellow, was not without a revelation in the way of continuous comicalities. Ally's dance was a marvel of agile absurdity most cleverly arranged, and his every movement was alive with the essence of fun and mirth-provoking drollery. The audience could not possibly get enough of it, though he by-play was kept up unceasingly throughout, in a way which must have made it seem stale had it been anything short of what it was.

Had Bandmaster Hill not lent his powerful assistance in the musical department, the Pantomime would have been bereft of one of its greatest attractions. To Mr. Hill and his able assistants much of the swing of the piece was due. And what further need be said of the Chorus and the stage effects? Only this that we have seen few groups on the stage which for colour, harmony, beauty of ordering, and perfect arrangement would surpass that of the final scene and march of the Robbers in the Golden Cave. But the scenery of the Pantomime excels anything which has yet been produced here or anywhere else outside of the metropolis centres. Mr. Yockney has gone home to the Old Country, and he has left an uncommonly attractive Xmas gift, as a sort of souvenir behind him, in the charming scenes which he has produced for the A. D. C. These represent the Seasons, and aided as they are by the admirably arranged accessories of light and of fairy life, they are, for their size, equal to most that will be met with out of the larger theatres in Europe. The same remark as to comparison may safely be made as to the Harlequin, with which the performance properly closed. The same rattling fun of the traditional order was energetically entered upon and maintained without check, as would be met with in the best play-houses at home. Every one played his part so that the perfect unanimity necessary to such reasonable fun was easily secured. As a Pantomime, therefore—not as a comedy or an opera, as some would seek to regard it—'Ali Baba' is an unequalled success; and to Captain Clayton, the stage-manager, a large share of that success is due.

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**THE PENTINUAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship GANGES Capt. T. J. ALLEN, with Her Majesties' Mails, will be despatched from the port of LONDON via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL on WEDNESDAY, 1st January, 1890, at Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.  
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Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.**

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Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

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E. L. WOGBIN,  
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office  
Hongkong, December 21, 1889. 2403

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**ON WEDNESDAY, the 8th January, 1890, at Noon, the Company's S.S. YANKEE, Commandant FLANDIS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.**

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G. DE CHAMPAUX,

Agent.

December 26, 1889. 2425

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G. D. HARMAN,

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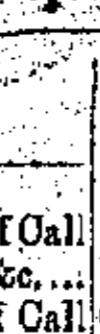
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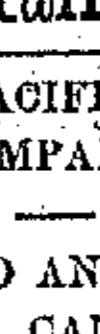
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Bavro, London, &c.	Danibahire (b)	Alderson, Bell & Co.	About January 20.
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**LIST OF INSRIPTIONS ON TOMBSTONES**

**Number Rank and Name Date**

1 John Ambrose Mercer, 20th Aug. 1843

2 Alexander Scott, Esq. 24th Aug. 1843

3 Mr. John Slade 2nd Aug. 1843

4 William Brodie, Master

in the Royal Navy late Commander H.M.

troopship *Rattlesnake* 17th June, 1843

5 E. J. Hump, U.S.S. *Constellation* 14th Sept. 1842

6 Am. Fred. Sunger 19th Oct. 1841

7 Lieut. Oliver Charles

Anketell, 37th Regt. 26th Sept. 1842

8 G. W. York, of Bangor, Maine, U.S.A. 2nd Sept. 1842

9 Julia, daughter of the Rev. John Walter Hurn 26th Oct. 1844

10 William — 18th July, 1844

11 Lieut. Levin Handly, U.S.S. *Constellation* 14th Sept. 1842

12 Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Peter Margeson 2nd Aug. 1844

13 John Irvine, Assistant Commissary General 1st Feb. 1842

14 Major Charles Gregory 30th Nov. 1842

15 Henrietta, wife of the Rev. J. Lewis Shuck, of Virginia 27th Nov. 1844

16 Frederick Joseph Ball 2nd Aug. 1843

17 Miles Bridgeman Ball, (Macao) 2nd Aug. 1844

18 Lucy Hendry, wife of Dyer Ball 6th June, 1844

19 Richard M. Isbell, Assistant Surgeon 11th Jan., 1843

20 Theodore, wife of Rev. W. D. Duncanson, 18th Jan., 1843

21 Robert Morrison Brown 13th Jan., 1844

22 Light Benjamin Fox, R.N., late First Lieutenant H.M.S. *Nimrod* killed at Canton 25th May, 1841

23 Capt. A. Frederick Beauchamp, 39th Regt. M.N.I. 18th Oct. 1842

24 Lieut. Francis Beavan 6th Nov. 1842

25 John Theophilus Boileau, Assistant Surgeon Bengal Establishment 6th Nov., 1842

26 Captain Henry Harriet, 33rd Regt. 15th Dec., 1842

27 Major James Uniacke, (Chiu Kiang-foo), Senior Officer of R. M. also Lieut. William Atchery, (Yong-tso) Kiang-fu, also Lieut. C. Hewett, R.M., (Woo Sing\*) 21st July, 1842

28 1st Lieut. Ralph Milbanke, H.M. sloop *Childers* 28th Aug., 1843

29 Captain William Currie of the British ship *Leander* 10th Nov. 1844